



## CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESS

### I Nomination Campaign Period

- (1) All persons seeking a Nomination for Official Candidate for any electoral district for The Vancouver Island Party must sign up at least twenty-five (25) members at \$100 each by twenty-one (21) days before the Candidate Nomination Selection Meeting\*;
- (2) Each person seeking to be a Candidate must pass a criminal check and be vetted by the VIP Candidate Selection Committee;
- (3) Each person seeking to be a Candidate must sign the VIP Code of Representative Ethical Conduct.
- (4) Once accepted, the person must set up a bank account (The Royal Bank of Canada) and appoint a Financial Agent; and
- (5) All funds raised, less nomination campaign expenses, are to be remitted to the Party Council to the Party bank account.

\*At \$100 donation, each person receives a \$75 income tax refund and a 5-year membership in the Vancouver Island Party.

Example:

Potential Fundraising To Party Council From Nominated Candidate:  
 $\$100 \times 25 = \$2,500$  less campaign expenses.

## II Pre-Writ Campaign Period

- (1) Recognize that Elections BC requires an Official Candidate to submit at least 75 signatures to be officially recognized;
- (2) To be safe, the VIP Party Council recommends that at least 100 names be submitted at \$100 donation level each;
- (3) Thirty percent (30%) of all funds raised by the Official Candidates before the election writ is dropped (28 days before May 9, 2016), are to be remitted to the Party Council bank account.

### Example:

#### Potential Fundraising To Party Council From Nominated Candidate:

$$\$100 \times 75 = \$7,500 \times 30\% = \mathbf{\$2,250}$$

## III Campaign Period

- (1) During the election period, all funds raised by the Official Candidate may be used by the Candidate's campaign. Any surplus at the end of the election will be remitted to the Party Council;
- (2) The Party Council will design and order brochures and lawn signs for all Candidates in order to ensure "branding integrity";
- (3) The Party Council may contribute financially to Candidate's campaigns; and
- (4) The Party Council is not responsible for any debts incurred by any Candidate and their campaign.

## **MLA Compensation Package**

### **(1) Basic Compensation**

Annual Compensation as of April 1, 2015 = **\$102,878.**

The basic salary is increased April 1 of each year in accordance with the BC Consumer Price Index.

### **(2) Capital City Allowance**

There are several options open to MLAs who do not reside in Victoria. The option most often selected is **a flat rate of \$1,000 per month to a maximum of \$12,000.**

### **(3) Per Diem Reimbursement**

A MLA may claim up to **\$61 per day** when in Victoria or when travelling throughout the province.

### **(3) Staffing**

A MLA has a **Legislature Office** with a Secretary and a Legislative Assistant.

A MLA has a **Riding Office** with a Secretary and a Legislative Assistant.

### **(4) Party Research Office**

A Party has a **Research Office** with an Executive Director, Social Media Director, Secretary and Research Assistants.

### **(4) Employment Benefits**

(a) Health Benefits

(b) Medical Services Plan

- (c) Extended Health Care and Dental Care
- (d) Optional Health and Dental Benefits – Dependents
- (e) Counselling Services
- (f) Members' Benefits
- (g) MLA Pension Plan
- (h) Long Term Disability Plan
- (i) Group Life Insurance Plan
- (j) Group Aviation Accident Insurance
- (k) Canada Pension Plan
- (l) Transitional Assistance

### **Additional Benefits**

Minimum Seats Required For Official Status = **4 Seats**

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| Leader of the Third Party | \$25,719.50  |
| Third Party House Leader  | \$10,287.80  |
| Third Party Whip          | \$10, 287.80 |
| Third Party Caucus Chair  | \$10,287.80  |

#### Funding For Party Research Office

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| Chair, Select Standing or Special Committee           | \$15,431.70 |
| Deputy Chair, Select Standing<br>or Special Committee | \$10,287.80 |